

## SENATE BILL No. 325

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 21-12-6-5.

**Synopsis:** Twenty-first century scholars. Allows a student who: (1) is enrolled in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12; and (2) did not meet certain qualifications in grades 6, 7, or 8 for the twenty-first century scholars program; to apply and qualify for the twenty-first century scholars program if the student meets certain requirements, including the income requirement, at the time the student applies for the twenty-first century scholars program.

**Effective:** July 1, 2010.

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January 11, 2010, read first time and referred to Committee on Education and Career Development.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning education.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 21-12-6-5, AS AMENDED BY P.L.3-2008,  
2 SECTION 131, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
3 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2010]: Sec. 5. (a) **Except as provided in**  
4 **subsection (b) or (c)**, to qualify to participate in the program, a student  
5 must meet the following requirements:  
6 (1) Be a resident of Indiana.  
7 (2) Be:  
8 (A) enrolled in grade 7 or 8, for the 2007-2008 school year,  
9 and grade 6, 7, or 8, for the 2008-2009 school year and for  
10 subsequent school years, at a:  
11 (i) public school; or  
12 (ii) nonpublic school that is accredited either by the state  
13 board of education or by a national or regional accrediting  
14 agency whose accreditation is accepted as a school  
15 improvement plan under IC 20-31-4-2; or  
16 (B) otherwise qualified under the rules of the commission that  
17 are adopted under IC 21-11-9-4 to include students who are in



- 1 grades other than grade 8 as eligible students.
- 2 (3) Be eligible for free or reduced priced lunches under the
- 3 national school lunch program.
- 4 (4) Agree, in writing, together with the student's custodial parents
- 5 or guardian, that the student will:
- 6 (A) graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that
- 7 meets the admission criteria of an eligible institution;
- 8 (B) not illegally use controlled substances (as defined in
- 9 IC 35-48-1-9);
- 10 (C) not commit a crime or an infraction described in
- 11 IC 9-30-5;
- 12 (D) not commit any other crime or delinquent act (as described
- 13 in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or
- 14 IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through IC 31-6-4-1(a)(5) before their
- 15 repeal));
- 16 (E) timely apply, when the eligible student is a senior in high
- 17 school:
- 18 (i) for admission to an eligible institution; and
- 19 (ii) for any federal and state student financial assistance
- 20 available to the eligible student to attend an eligible
- 21 institution; and
- 22 (F) achieve a cumulative grade point average upon graduation
- 23 of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale (or its equivalent if
- 24 another grading scale is used) for courses taken during grades
- 25 9, 10, 11, and 12.
- 26 (b) A student is qualified to participate in the program if the student:
- 27 (1) before or during grade 7 or grade 8, is placed by or with the
- 28 consent of the department of child services, by a court order, or by
- 29 a child placing agency in:
- 30 (A) a foster family home;
- 31 (B) the home of a relative or other unlicensed caretaker;
- 32 (C) a child caring institution; or
- 33 (D) a group home;
- 34 (2) agrees in writing, together with the student's caseworker (as
- 35 defined in IC 31-9-2-11), to the conditions set forth in subsection
- 36 (a)(4); and
- 37 (3) except as provided in subdivision (2), otherwise meets the
- 38 requirements of subsection (a).
- 39 **(c) Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, a student is**
- 40 **qualified to participate in the program if the student:**
- 41 **(1) is enrolled in grade 9, 10, 11, or 12 at a:**
- 42 **(A) public school; or**

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(B) nonpublic school that is accredited either by the state board of education or by a national or regional accrediting agency whose accreditation is accepted under IC 20-31-4-2;

(2) is a resident of Indiana and has been a resident of Indiana since enrollment in grade 6;

(3) did not meet the income criteria for eligibility for the twenty-first century scholars program under subsection (a) while in grade 6, 7, or 8;

(4) is eligible for free or reduced priced lunches under the national school lunch program at the time the individual applies for the program;

(5) agrees, in writing, together with the student's custodial parent or guardian, that the student will:

(A) graduate from a secondary school located in Indiana that meets the admission criteria of an eligible institution;

(B) not illegally use a controlled substance (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9);

(C) not commit a crime or an infraction described in IC 9-30-5;

(D) not commit any other crime or delinquent act as described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5;

(E) timely apply, when the eligible student is a senior in high school:

(i) for admission to an eligible institution; and

(ii) for any federal and state student financial assistance available to the eligible student to attend an eligible institution; and

(F) achieve a cumulative grade point average upon graduation of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 grading scale (or its equivalent if another grading scale is used) for courses taken during grades 9, 10, 11, and 12; and

(6) states in writing, together with the student's custodial parent or guardian, that the student did not do any of the following before applying for the program:

(A) Illegally use a controlled substance (as defined in IC 35-48-1-9).

(B) Commit a crime or infraction described in IC 9-30-5.

(C) Commit any other crime or delinquent act (as described in IC 31-37-1-2 or IC 31-37-2-2 through IC 31-37-2-5 (or IC 31-6-4-1(a)(1) through

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